

**CITY OF RIALTO
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023
IN PERSON SPECIAL MEETING
150 S. PALM AVE., RIALTO CA, 92376**

a. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at _6:33_ pm by __Chair Britt__.

b. **ROLL CALL:**

ROLL CALL/COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT TO DATE
Jose Aparicio		X	
Joe Britt	X		
James Maldonado	X		
Jan Morrison	X		
Scott Sparks	X		

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

c. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Commissioner Maldonado

d. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: ITEM 23-875**

ACTION: Approve August 15, 2023, meeting minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Morrison__ **Seconded by:**__ Vice Chair Sparks__

MOTION PASSES YES:__ x__ **NO:**__ 0__ **ABSTAIN:** __ 0__

Noting the absence of __Commissioner Aparicio__

e. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

N/A

f. **STAFF UPDATES**

Director Alvarado gave updates on department programming:

- 49 Shelter Rentals, 26 facility rentals for October
- 26 Cemetery requests (plot selection, purchase, vase installation) 1 burial.
- Ebike program: 297 sign ups, 174 active riders, 313 total trips
- Held Viva la Fiesta, event went well, 2 stages with entertainment, a few alters remembering loved ones.

- Mark your calendars: Halloween Hi-Jinks October 31st, Floating Pumpkins October 21st, Soctober is going on all month, Rialto Heritage Days November 18, and Rialto Holiday Festival & Parade December 2nd.
- On September 9th the Hall of Fame honored Andrew Bock and Emmett Gillard
- Teen Club is going well. On September 15th they held a Mario Kart tournament.
- Mobile Recreation is going well. The program is at Joe Sampson. The program has a lot of participants on Thursday.
- Fitness Center is going well. They held their health and wellness Fair on September 21st. Had a good turn.
- Grace Vargas Senior Center held their Health and Wellness Fair and had a great turn out. They held their last ice cream social of the year and had 50 attendees, their monthly food give away provided food for 150 Rialto families, 20th anniversary of the Grace Vargas Senior Center was held. Supervisor Baca Jr. presented the Friends of the senior center with a proclamation thanking them for all their support of the center. The programs show cased their products and talents.
- NSG gave away equipment to the seniors (wheels chairs, show chairs, canes etc)
- Youth sports is going well. The new upcoming season is full. Some rules have been updated.
- Contract classes are going well. Polynesian dance class is picking up in registration.
- Child development session has 14 registered for MWF and 9 for T/TH. We are looking at working towards opening up our 2nd location at the Community Center.
- Park Maintenance has installed two musical instrument equipment at the community center. They are doing turf maintenance at the Frisbie Center dog park. The ripped shades at Fergusson Park have been replaced.

g. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

ITEM: 23-872 Discussion Item: Placement of Canvus Donation

The Commission would like to have the parks color coded based on funding levels and needs so they can make a recommendation for the placement of the canvus items.

ITEM: 23-873 Discussion Item: Parade Grand Marshall Recommendations

ACTION: Have this year's Hall of Fame Honorees be the Christmas Parade Grand Marshalls, along with the Pet-A-Palooza costume winner be a Grand Marshall too.

MOTION: Vice Chair Sparks_ **Seconded by:** Chari Britt

MOTION PASSES YES: x **NO:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

Noting the absence of Commissioner Aparicio

ITEM: 23-874 Discussion Item: Music Changing Lives

Presentation by Josiah Bruny about his organization. The Commission is interested in seeing a partnership develop.

h. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Maldonado: Glad to be back.

Vice Chair Sparks: Switched jobs. Had a colleague attend Viva la Fiesta. Would recommend **adding** seating so people can sit and eat. The event was easy to get into. Fantastic job on what's going on. Looks like the department is a happening place. Thank you to the staff.

Commissioner Morrison: This was a packed month. Was able to attend 3 of the events. Loved the inclusion of viva las fiesta. Loved the special needs dancers. Loved the venue, bigger park, better crowd control. There was no VIP parking. Wish there would have been seating so people could sit and eat. Attended the 20th anniversary of the Grace Vargas Senior. It was nice to hear the history of the center. Staff did a good job. Fey was blown away by the opportunity to sing. Went to Pet-A-palooza, it was fun to see the people dressed in costumes with their pets. It was a good event. What is the historical society doing? Tours? Glad to be getting back into the swing of things. Looking forward to the end of the year. Welcome back James.

Chair Britt: Historical Society meeting this week. Won't be able to attend the meeting in November. Vice Chair Sparks will need to fill in. We need to figure out how to make money with the Cemetery. Rialto is doing fantastic things. We are doing pretty good for the citizens. Thank you for showing up for the citizens and the community.

i. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to attend, **Chair Britt** adjourned the meeting at 8:17pm with the next regular meeting to be held at 6:30pm, on Tuesday, November 7, at the City Council Chambers located at 150 S. Palm Ave, Rialto, CA 92376

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Alvarado-Crawford, Director
Department of Community Services